

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Rehabilitation Research and Development Service Scientific Merit Review Board Notice of Meetings

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory

Committee Act that the subcommittees of the Rehabilitation Research and Development

Service Scientific Merit Review Board will meet from 8:00 a.m. to

5:00 p.m. on the dates indicated below:

Subcommittee	Date(s)	Location
Research Career Scientists	February 26, 2018	*VA Central Office
Regenerative Medicine	February 27, 2018	Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel
Rehabilitation Engineering & Prosthetics/Orthotics	February 27, 2018	Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel
Psychological Health & Social Reintegration	February 27, 2018	Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel
Brain Injury: TBI & Stroke	February 27-28, 2018	Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel
Sensory Systems/Communication Disorders	February 28, 2018	Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel
Musculoskeletal/Orthopedic Rehabilitation	February 28- March 01, 2018	Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel
Career Development Award Program	February 28- March 01, 2018	Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel

Aging & Neurodegenerative Disease	March 01, 2018	Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel
Spinal Cord Injury	March 01, 2018	Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel
Center and Research Enhancement Award Program	March 15, 2018	Crystal Gateway Marriott

The addresses of the meeting sites are:

*Teleconference - VA Central Office, 1100 First Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20002.

Crowne Plaza Washington National Airport Hotel, 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA
22202. Crystal Gateway Marriott, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

The purpose of the Board is to review rehabilitation research and development applications and advise the Director, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, and the Chief Research and Development Officer on the scientific and technical merit, the mission relevance, and the protection of human and animal subjects.

The subcommittee meetings will be open to the public for approximately one-half hour at the start of each meeting to cover administrative matters and to discuss the general status of the program. Members of the public who wish to attend the open portion of the teleconference sessions may dial 1 (800) 767-1750, participant code 35847. The remaining portion of each subcommittee meeting will be closed to the public for the discussion, examination, reference to, and oral review of the research applications and critiques. During the closed portion of each subcommittee meeting, discussion and recommendations will include qualifications of the personnel conducting the studies (the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy),

as well as research information (the premature disclosure of which would likely

compromise significantly the implementation of proposed agency action regarding such

research projects). As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended

by Public Law 94-409, closing the meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6)

and (9)(B).

No oral or written comments will be accepted from the public for either portion of

the meetings. Those who plan to attend (by phone or in person) the open portion of a

subcommittee meeting must contact Tiffany Asqueri, Designated Federal Officer,

Rehabilitation Research and Development Service, at Department of Veterans Affairs

(10P9R), 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20420, or email

tiffany.asqueri@va.gov at least 5 days before the meeting. For further information,

please call Mrs. Asqueri at (202) 443-5757.

Dated: December 19, 2017.

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